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## **Go Big on Offshore Wind**

Hello my name is Ben Grundy and I am speaking on behalf of Environment California, a statewide advocacy group that work to tackle global warming, protect the ocean, and fight for clean air, clean water, open spaces, and a livable planet.

California's devastating wildfires and current drought emergency underscore the urgent need to accelerate our transition to a 100% clean energy economy. One of the best clean energy sources in California is the wind blowing off our coast, where the wind blows faster and harder than anywhere else in the US.

To deliver grid resilience, better air quality, and clean energy to Californians, the California Energy Commission must set a strong target for offshore wind development of at least 10 GW by 2040.

In our recent report, Offshore Wind for America, we found that California has the technical potential to meet more than 1.5 times our entire state's electricity needs from 2019, just from offshore wind.

California cannot afford to maintain its unsustainable dependence on fossil fuels. We must invest in clean energy solutions that we can produce right here in California. The faster we can move to deploy clean energy instead of burning fossil fuels, the better chance we have for the future.